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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Before The Honorable James Donato, Judge

ERICA FRASCO, et al.,
individually and on behalf of)
all others similarly situated,)
)

Plaintiffs,

VS. NO. 3:21-CV-00757 JD

FLO HEALTH, INC., META PLATFORMS, INC.,

Defendants.

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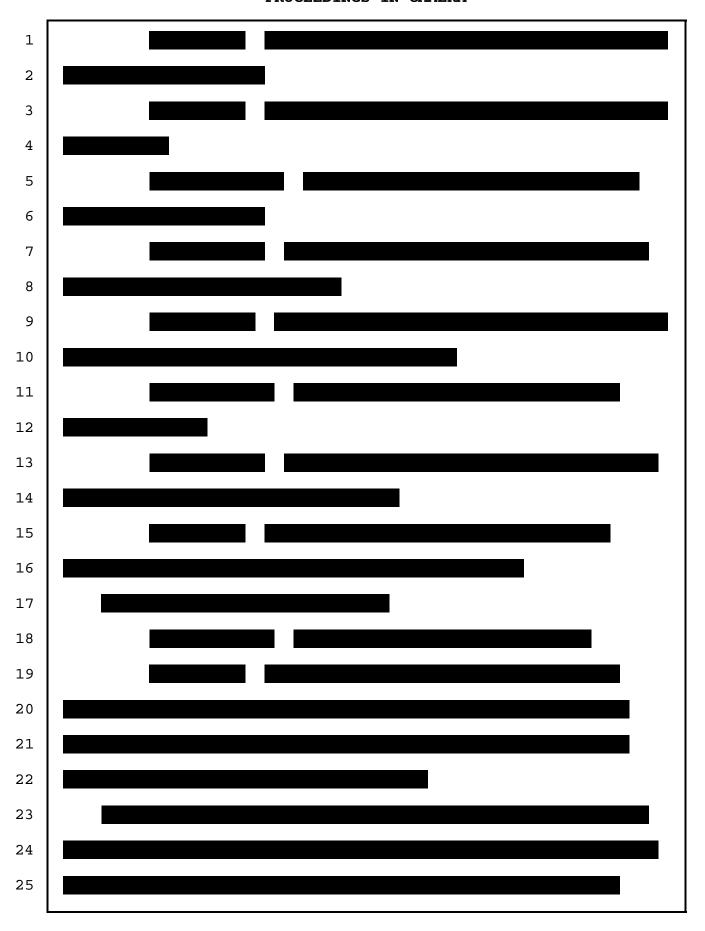
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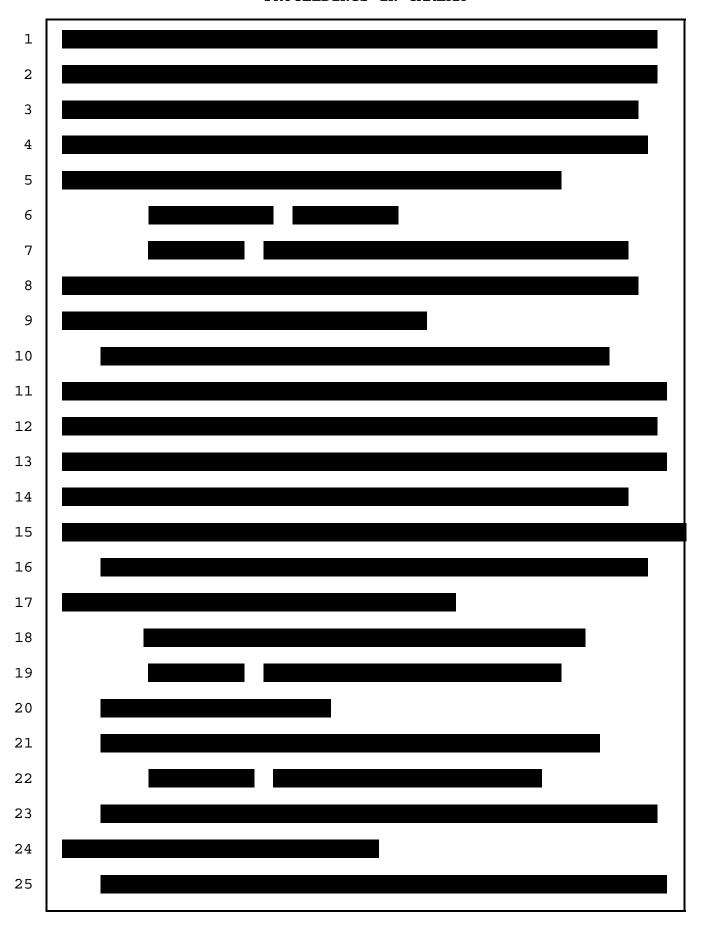
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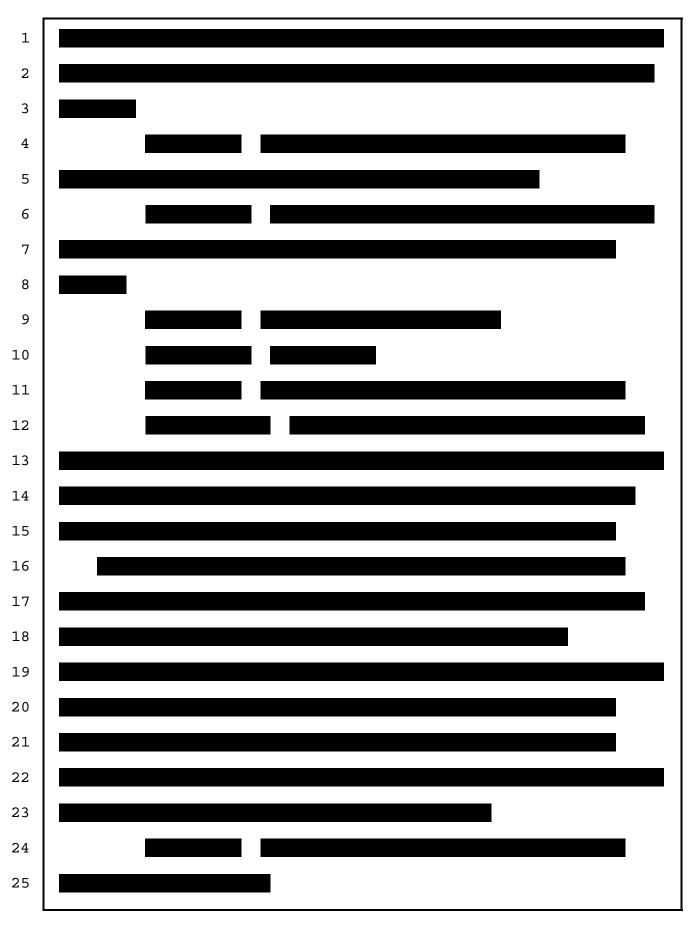
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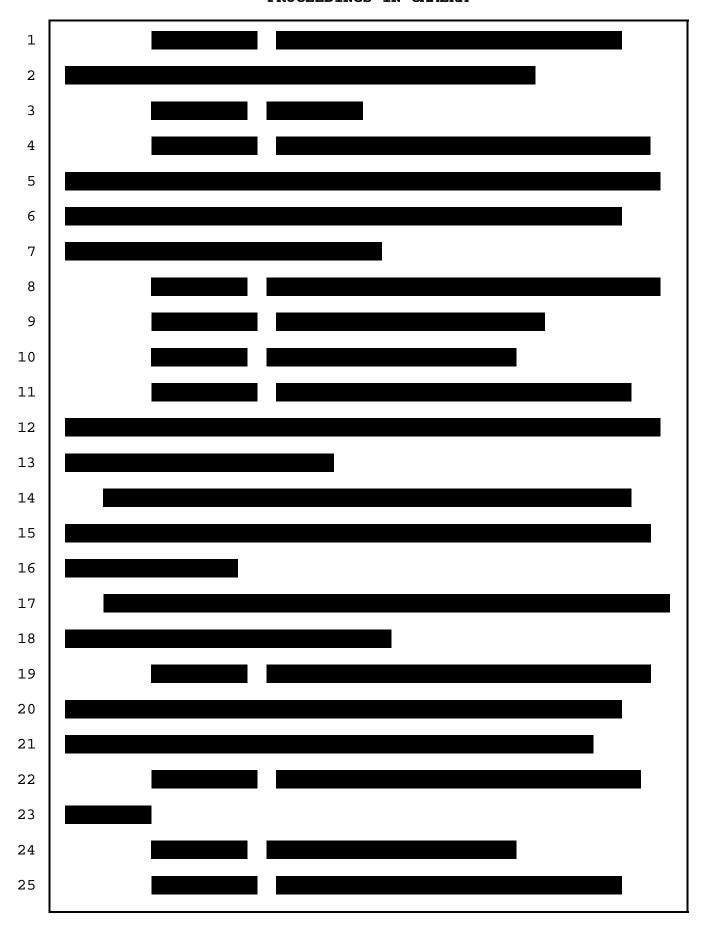
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1	<u>Thursday - July 31, 2025</u> <u>9:06 a.m.</u>
2	PROCEEDINGS
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4	(Proceedings were heard out of the presence of the jury.)
5	THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise. This court is now in
6	session, the Honorable James Donato presiding.
7	THE COURT: Good morning.
8	ALL: Good morning, Your Honor.
9	THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please be seated.
10	(The following proceedings were held in camera.)
11	THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Calling Civil 21-757, Frasco
12	versus Flo Health, Inc.
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4	(Recess taken at 9:11 a.m.)
5	(Proceedings were heard out of the presence of the jury.)
6	(Proceedings resumed at 9:34 a.m.)
7	(The following proceedings were heard in open court:)
8	THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.
9	You may be seated. We're back on the record in Civil
LO	21-757.
L1	THE COURT: Okay. What's the plan for the day?
L2	MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, the only open witness is this
L3	video deposition designation that we're considering playing,
L4	but plaintiffs have an objection.
L5	THE COURT: That's it?
L6	MR. CLUBOK: That's the only thing on the table for
L7	today in terms of further evidence before defense rests.
L8	THE COURT: Are we finished with the other person? Is
L9	she done?
20	MR. LEVIS: Yeah.
21	MR. CLUBOK: Ms. Golbeck? Yes. They rested.
22	Remember? They rested.
23	THE COURT: Yeah, we're done, okay. All right. That
24	sounds fine.
25	Now, what's the issue with this witness?

MR. LEVIS: Sure. The issue is defendants intend to play a video by Madeline Kiss, who was originally one of plaintiffs in the case but was not proposed as a class representative and we do not believe is a member of the class. Subsequently, we were unable to confirm data that she actually used the app.

That's why we did not advance her as a class representative. We're not actually sure she could file a claim in this case, so we do not think her testimony is relevant at all since she's not a class member and no longer part of the case.

THE COURT: Oh. Not a class member. Okay

Defendant?

MR. CLUBOK: Well, Your Honor, in Your Honor's order on class certification, Footnote 4, Your Honor says, "Plaintiffs did not say why named plaintiffs Pietrzyk, Ridgeway, and Kiss are not seeking appointment as class representatives under Rule 23. The Court construes this to mean that they remain in the class as class members only."

That class definition seems to squarely cover Ms. Kiss. Her interrogatory response says that the approximate date that she signed up for the Flo Health app was sometime in the fall of 2016 to spring of 2017, or early 2018, and then she deleted the app January 13, 2021, and she last used the app likely in the week before January 13, 2021. That's Ms. Kiss' response

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to --
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              THE COURT: Why don't you hand that to Ms. Clark,
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    please.
              MR. CLUBOK: Sure, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Well, you have an interrogatory response
     saying she signed up.
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              MR. LEVIS: Yeah, I don't think the issue is whether
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                     I think the issue is when she signed up, and
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     she signed up.
     early -- signing up in the fall of 2016 would put her before
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     the start of the class period. We think that's why there's no
     data showing that she used the app, which is why we didn't
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     advance her in the class.
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              THE COURT: She said sometime between fall of 2016 to
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     spring of early 2018.
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              MR. LEVIS: Correct. That's what she remembers.
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     when we subsequently looked for data from Flo, there was not a
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     record that she had a Flo account or data for Flo, so --
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              THE COURT: She's not here, so I can't -- I can't ask
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     her any questions.
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              MR. LEVIS:
                         I understand.
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              THE COURT: It's three minutes of testimony. I mean,
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     does it really matter?
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              MR. LEVIS: The only thing I'd say is if Your Honor is
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     going to allow the testimony to be played, we received this
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     late after the disclosure deadline. We had some counters we'd
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I understand if you're going to allow it to go
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     play.
     forward --
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                         You have some counters? Yeah, that's
              THE COURT:
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     fine, of course.
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              MR. CLUBOK: Yes, but just for the record, we
     disclosed this and designated this testimony weeks ago when it
 6
     was -- the deadline for -- original deadline for designations.
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     We had disclosed more of her testimony. Given the way the case
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     has progressed and given that this response to Mr. Canty's
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     argument to our client that there couldn't be a woman that
     would make her period public, two days ago we disclosed that
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     shortened version, not additional testimony -- this shortened
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     version. So I just want to put on the record we absolutely
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     disclosed this way in advance, the whole amount. We disclosed
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     a small portion --
              THE COURT: I didn't say you didn't. You keep saying
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     you're putting things on the record I didn't ask about. Just
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     stop. All right? We don't need it. Okay? When I have a
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     question that matters, I'll ask.
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         So go ahead. Play your designations -- your counters,
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     whatever they are.
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              MR. LEVIS:
                          Okay.
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              MR. CLUBOK: By contrast --
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              THE COURT: Let's bring them out.
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              MR. CLUBOK: Can I just say one thing, Your Honor?
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have not yet seen their designations because they're just doing
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     them now, apparently, so --
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              THE COURT: Did you not share them?
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              MR. LEVIS:
                         We sent them.
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              MR. CLUBOK: Like 10 minutes ago. So now we need to
     see their counter-designations, take a look at, and maybe
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     respond. We did --
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              THE COURT: From what I've seen here, this women's
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     testimony is like a big nothing, so what are the designations?
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     I mean, how long are they?
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              MS. VILLEGAS: They're not long.
              THE COURT: How long are the designations?
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              MR. LEVIS: Yeah, I don't know. I assume they're
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     short.
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              THE COURT:
                         Well, you put them together, didn't you?
              MR. LEVIS: Yes. I personally didn't put them
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     together. I just don't know the time. I'm just checking.
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              THE COURT: Just give me an estimate. You looked at
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     them last night.
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                          (Counsel conferring.)
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              THE COURT:
                          Two minutes? I mean, they're
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     three minutes, 48 seconds --
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              MR. LEVIS: I'm being told they're approximately
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     five minutes, maybe less.
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              THE COURT: Odd comments about the red demon.
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really?
             Okay. Is that what you want to counter?
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              MR. LEVIS: Yeah. I mean, we don't think the
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     testimony is relevant, which is why we thought it should be
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     excluded.
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              THE COURT: Just tell me how long is it?
                    (Discussion held off the record.)
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              THE COURT: Are you sure you want to end with this?
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     Is this really worth it? This testimony looks like nothing to
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          It's up to you.
     me.
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              MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, I'm going to take your
     advice.
             If it looks like a nothing to you, that's fine.
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     will --
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              THE COURT: You want to skip it?
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              MR. CLUBOK: We will skip it and take your advice, and
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     we appreciate it.
              THE COURT: You can't afford my advice, so...
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                               (Laughter.)
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              THE COURT:
                          I'm not giving advice for free.
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              MR. CLUBOK: We'll take Mr. Levis' advice, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT:
                          I want to be clear: It's totally your
21
     call.
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              MR. CLUBOK: Of course. No, I understand. I was
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     obviously joking. We'll take Mr. Levis' advice and we'll
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     just --
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              THE COURT: Okay. So that's it?
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MR. CLUBOK: We'll rest.
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              THE COURT: We're to call them in and you're going to
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     say "defendant rests"?
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              MR. CLUBOK: I'm sorry. One quick question, Your
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    Honor.
              THE COURT: All right. Yes.
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              MR. CLUBOK: Okay. So I think that is the final
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     answer.
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              THE COURT: I'm going to call them in, tell them it's
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     just Meta, and then you're going to say "defendants rest."
    Okay?
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              MR. CLUBOK: Yes, Your Honor. The matter rests;
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     right?
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              THE COURT: Well, you're the defendant.
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              MR. CLUBOK: Defendant.
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              THE COURT: However you want to say it.
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              MR. CLUBOK: I apologize. I thought you said
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     "defendants."
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              THE COURT: No, defendant.
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         All right. Here we go.
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              THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.
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                     (The jury enters the courtroom.)
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          (Proceedings were heard in the presence of the jury.)
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              THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please be seated. We're back
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     on the record in Civil 21-757.
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THE COURT: All right. Members of the jury, you will remember on our very first day, jury selection, I told you this is a live show. There are developments that happen.

I'm going to apprise you of some developments. The first development is you do not have to answer any questions about Flo in your jury deliberations. All right?

You're only going to answer questions with respect to the remaining defendant. That's Meta.

Do not speculate. Don't spend a minute or a second of time trying to figure out why this is so. These things just happen. There's nothing to engage your attention in any way, so just put it out of your mind and focus on what you're going to be called to do tomorrow, which is when the case will be in your hands, and that is to answer the questions pursuant to the jury instructions that I give you at that point and the verdict form that you'll have. All right?

Now, we will close tomorrow, so that means the party -- the plaintiff and the remaining defendant, Meta, will both make their closing arguments. They both get up to 45 minutes each, so just be prepared to settle in. We'll have a little stretch break in between because it's very important for you to maintain your, you know, attention, as you have throughout this trial. I've been watching closely and you've all been very attentive, and I know the parties appreciate that.

Then your deliberations will start. So tomorrow is

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definitely a 9:00-to-5:00 p.m. day, and that will be the case
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     starting on Monday until you reach a verdict. All right?
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     just from now on, it's a full-time gig. Okay? 9:00 to 5:00.
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         All right. Now, the plaintiff has rested, which means it's
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     Meta's opportunity if they wish to do whatever they'd like to
     do.
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         Meta, what would you like to do?
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              MS. JOHNSON: Your Honor, Meta rests its case.
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              THE COURT: Okay. So that is it for your day today.
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     There are no -- the evidence is closed. So you're going to
     get -- I would think of it as a bonus day to attend to your
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     affairs before you settle in for jury deliberations from
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     9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., so take advantage of it.
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         And although I just said this to you I think less than
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     18 hours ago, let me tell you again:
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         Don't think about anything, including anything I've said
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     today. Put it all out of your mind. Go and attend to
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     everything else that you have to do or would like to do, and
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     I'll see you tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.
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              THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.
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                     (The jury leaves the courtroom.)
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        (Proceedings were heard out of the presence of the jury.)
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              THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: You may be seated. All right
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     I'll have those posted soon. I'll probably have you back at
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     1:30 or 2:00 and I'll say it in the cover.
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MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, we would like to make a Rule 50(a) motion.

THE COURT: Oh, yes. Go ahead.

MR. CLUBOK: Thank you.

Your Honor, plaintiffs' CIPA claim against Meta fails for multiple independent reasons. Meta did not eavesdrop upon or record plaintiffs' conversations. The secondhand repetition of the contents of the conversation does not amount to eavesdropping or recording. That's Smith versus LoanMe and Flanagan versus Flanagan, holding there's a critical distinction between eavesdropping upon or recording a conversation and later disseminating its contents.

There's been no evidence presented that suggests that Meta recorded -- received anything approaching a live transmission or verbatim recording of plaintiffs' communications with Flo.

Rather, as both experts testified and the documentary evidence confirmed, as well as the fact witnesses like Mr. Wooldridge, the custom app events at issue and the corresponding parameters that Flo transmitted or attempted to transmit to Meta which were chosen and compiled by Flo into its code were distinct from the communications between plaintiffs and Flo. So under both *Smith* and *Flanagan*, Meta and plaintiffs have no cause of action to sue based on the separate communication between Flo and Meta because plaintiffs were not a party to that communication.

See the *Smith* case, 11 Cal.5th at 200, *Noel versus Hall* -in *Noel versus Hall*. And additionally, even if Meta received
any recording or so-called recording of plaintiffs'
conversation with Flo, the evidence showed that it was not Meta
who recorded those conversations, but entirely at the
discretion of Flo.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CLUBOK: Furthermore, Your Honor, the SDK is not an electronic amplifying or recording device. The word "device" means a piece of equipment or a mechanism designed to serve a special purpose or perform a specific function. It's the Moreno case. Software is not a tangible piece of equipment and thus does not qualify as a device under 632, and even if a software application could be seen as a virtual device, the SDK still would not qualify because it's just a collection of open source code, lines of code that become fully integrated into a broader software application. As the expert testimony on both sides confirmed, even if the SDK were considered to be or treated as a device, the evidence shows it's not a recording device, evidence on both sides, because it's used to transmit data that's created or selected by Flo but not to record users' actual conversations with Flo.

Third, Meta did not intentionally obtain any of the at-issue relevant data. The plaintiffs failed to prove that Meta intentionally eavesdropped upon or recorded the kinds of

1	communications at issue in this lawsuit according to $\it Doe\ I$
2	versus Google case. Meta did not act consciously and
3	deliberately with that goal in mind, under U.S. versus
4	Christensen, the Ninth Circuit, Meta, in fact, specifically
5	tried to avoid obtaining confidential information by requiring
6	them to obtain or contracting with them to obtain notice and
7	consent from their users as to all data sharing and
8	specifically prohibiting them in their contractual agreements
9	from sharing health or other categories of sensitive
10	information. See the BK versus Desert Care Network. The
11	evidence shows that Meta
12	THE COURT: You know, it's an oral motion. It's not
13	an opportunity to read a canned brief. I got it. Okay?
14	Plaintiff, go ahead.
15	MR. CLUBOK: May I briefly give three bullet points of
16	the remaining bases
17	THE COURT: I'm just not doing that.
18	MR. CLUBOK: Okay.
19	THE COURT: It's not appropriate for an oral Rule 50
20	motion.
21	Plaintiffs?
22	MR. CANTY: Yes, Your Honor. Plaintiffs believe that
23	if you take the evidence in the light most favorable to the
24	plaintiffs that we've made out each and every element of the
25	California Invasion of Privacy Act, that Meta intentionally

eavesdropped by the use of a recording device of the private 1 conversations of the women. 2 We heard the testimony from the women. They considered it 3 private. We heard the testimony of Dr. Egelman that the SDK is 4 5 a recording device. And we have testimony from the women that they did not consent to have their private communications with 6 Flo recorded by Meta. 7 As such, we believe this is a question for the jury to 8 decide. 9 10 THE COURT: Okay. The motion is denied, subject to renewal as warranted after the verdict. 11 Thank you, Your Honor. 12 MR. CANTY: Okay. I'll see you later. 13 THE COURT: MR. CLUBOK: I'm sorry. Your Honor, may we please be 14 15 permitted to file this brief in the next hour? 16 THE COURT: No. 17 MR. CLUBOK: There's points on the record that the Ninth Circuit says --18 THE COURT: You've got plenty. Don't worry about it. 19 20 You're fine. Most of the rule -- people who do Rule 50 motions 21 speak for about 90 seconds. Okay? It's not an impediment to 22 appeal if you need to get there. 23 All right. Thank you. 24 MS. McCLOSKEY: Your Honor, may I put one objection on 25 the record?

1	THE COURT: What?
2	MS. McCLOSKEY: We've raised this issue with you
3	before. During the testimony
4	THE COURT: Let me tell you something. If you're
5	asking for the fourth time to do a retroactive objection to
6	that person, I'm going to sanction you. I have told you four
7	times in a row now not to do that. You missed your boat.
8	Don't keep doing this or I'm going start to question your
9	suitability to practice in this district. You are not hearing
10	me, and I do not have any more time for this.
11	What is your name?
12	MS. McCLOSKEY: My name is Elizabeth McCloskey.
13	THE COURT: That's it, Ms. McCloskey. You are
14	crossing the line now to the point where you're going to start
15	facing some sanctions personal, professional conduct
16	sanctions. Now sit down.
17	MS. McCLOSKEY: Thank you, Your Honor.
18	THE COURT: That is a terrible way to end your case.
19	THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.
20	You may be seated.
21	(Recess taken at 9:50 a.m.)
22	(Proceedings resumed at 1:41 p.m.)
23	(Proceedings were heard out of the presence of the jury.)
24	THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise. This Court is now in
25	session. The Honorable James Donato presiding.

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Please be seated.
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              THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: We're back on the record in
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     Civil 21-757, Frasco versus Flo Health.
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              THE COURT: Okay. On the fast track to Judgment Day.
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         We all set?
         I posted the proposed final instructions at Docket 741.
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     Let's do that first.
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             MR. CANTY: Yes, Your Honor. With respect to the
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     instructions --
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              THE COURT: Yes.
             MR. CANTY: -- we had some proposed edits for the
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     Court.
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              THE COURT: Proposed edits. All right.
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             MR. CANTY: Turning to page 3.
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              THE COURT: Instruction 2. Let's do the instruction
    number.
             How about that?
16
             MR. CANTY: Yes, sure. This is Instruction Number 2.
17
     It lists the plaintiffs are Erica Frasco --
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19
              THE COURT: Oh, yes. Okay. Who should I take out?
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             MR. CANTY: Erica Frasco and Autumn Meigs.
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              THE COURT: All right. So we're going to keep
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     Wellman, Chen, and Gamino.
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             MR. CANTY: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Done.
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             MR. CANTY: On Instruction Number 14.
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              THE COURT:
                         Okay. Which one?
             MR. CANTY: This is Instruction Number 14, Your Honor.
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         We ask to delete --
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              THE COURT:
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                         14.
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             MR. CANTY: Yes. Stipulations of fact.
              THE COURT: You want to take that out?
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             MR. CANTY:
                         No, no.
              THE COURT: Yeah.
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             MR. CANTY: Just some of it.
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              THE COURT: Frasco?
             MR. CANTY: Yes. Number 1.
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              THE COURT: Number 5?
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             MR. CANTY: Number 5.
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              THE COURT: That's good.
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             MR. CANTY: Number 6, if we could remove the word
     "defendant." They're no longer a defendant in the case.
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              THE COURT: Take "defendant" out. Well, they were a
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     defendant. Well, let's see.
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        Do you want me to take "defendant" out? They were a
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     defendant.
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             MR. CANTY: Okay.
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              THE COURT: Defendant, what do you think? You want to
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     take it out or leave it in?
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             MR. CLUBOK: I would leave it in since we stipulated
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     and they were a defendant.
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              THE COURT:
                          Okay.
             MR. CANTY: And Number 8, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Plaintiffs first -- what do you want to
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     change?
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             MR. CANTY:
                         Just take it out. It's not relevant.
     When they filed their case against Flo, they're no longer a
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     defendant.
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              THE COURT: Oh, Flo. Okay, yes. Wait a minute.
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     Isn't that the -- oh. What happened? I didn't realize that
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     you sued Meta and Flo on different dates.
             MR. CANTY: Yes, Your Honor.
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                         Oh, okay. 8? Take 8 out?
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              THE COURT:
             MR. CLUBOK: Well, we think it should stay in, Your
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             It may well go to the statute of limitations and the
14
     Honor.
     fact that they waited an additional six months to sue Meta.
15
              THE COURT: Why don't we leave it in.
16
             MR. CLUBOK: Okay.
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              THE COURT: We'll leave that one in. All right.
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         So take out 1 and 5.
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             MR. CANTY: Your Honor, Instruction Number 19.
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              THE COURT: One second.
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         Defendant, why don't you come up here.
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             MR. CLUBOK: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Which one? 19? What about Number 13?
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     Shouldn't I take Meigs out of that?
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I'm sorry, Your Honor. I thought I 1 MR. CANTY: Yes. had mentioned that. Ms. Meigs, that was Number 5. 2 THE COURT: We'll just do a universal remove of Frasco 3 and Meigs. Okay? 4 5 Okay. Now, which one do you have? MR. CANTY: Your Honor, I have a typographical edit on 6 19, but I did want to talk generally about 18 and 19, the 7 affirmative defense. 8 THE COURT: Wait. 19? 9 10 MR. CANTY: This is 18 and 19, the affirmative defense statute of limitations. 11 THE COURT: You agreed to this. 12 I understand. That was with the 13 MR. CANTY: understanding that Meta was going to present evidence that 14 15 individuals were on notice or they had information to consider that put them on notice that -- that there was a claim. 16 17 THE COURT: Good argument. Good argument. I'm not going to take it out, though. 18 19 MR. CANTY: Okay. 20 THE COURT: But you can -- let me put it this way: 21 understand what you're saying, but you're going to -- you can 22 argue it. 23 MR. CANTY: Your Honor, we would ask, then, that there 24 be no mention of the Wall Street Journal article in the closing 25 arguments, since it's not in evidence and no witness was asked

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specifically --
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              THE COURT:
                          It came up.
                         We searched the record, Your Honor.
              MR. CANTY:
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     respect to the witness --
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              THE COURT:
                          "Bombshell." Wasn't that it?
              MR. CANTY: It came up -- that question was sustained.
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     It came up whether Sarah Wellman had seen the article, and she
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     said the first time she saw the article was after this
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     litigation was filed. There's no evidence in the record that
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     any of the plaintiffs saw that article.
              THE COURT: It's good for argument, but I'm not going
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     to take it out.
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                          I understand, but to argue that it put
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              MR. CANTY:
    plaintiffs on notice when no plaintiff said they saw it.
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              THE COURT: You can tell them that. And then there's
     always post-trial if anything comes up.
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              MR. CANTY: Yes, Your Honor.
         So with respect to --
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                         I agree with you. I was surprised, but --
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              THE COURT:
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     you know, whatever. Okay.
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         So that takes care of 18. Now which one?
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              MR. CANTY: 19, the third line down.
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              THE COURT:
                          Third line down.
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              MR. CANTY:
                         Yes.
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              THE COURT: Line Number 6?
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This is line 5.
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              MR. CANTY:
                         Chen, Gamino. Okay. Go ahead.
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              THE COURT:
              MR. CANTY: Proved that before that date, they did not
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     discover --
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              THE COURT:
                         Oh, discover, yes. Okay.
         Good.
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 7
         Okay.
               That's it?
                         That's it, Your Honor.
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              MR. CANTY:
              THE COURT:
                         Excellent. Okay.
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         Defendant?
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              MR. CLUBOK: Yes, Your Honor.
              THE COURT: So, Plaintiff, all the other jury
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     instructions are okay from your perspective; right?
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              MR. CANTY: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT:
                          Okay. Good.
         Okay. Defendant.
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              MR. CANTY: Your Honor, the only issue that defendants
     want to raise is the instruction for intentionally.
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              THE COURT: Oh, yes. What number is that?
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              MR. CLUBOK: That's Instruction Number 17.
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              THE COURT:
                          Yes.
                                I am not going to use your proposed
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     extract from the federal wiretap statute because this is a
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     state statute, and I took the definition of "intentionally"
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     directly out of a state California Court of Appeal case that
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     was construing that very portion, that very word, in CIPA.
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CHARGING CONFERENCE that's why I'm doing that. 1 MR. CLUBOK: May I be heard, Your Honor? 2 THE COURT: Yes, very briefly, please. 3 The Ninth Circuit has said that CIPA is 4 MR. CLUBOK: 5 modeled after the Federal Wiretap Act, and that case, the Rojas case that they cited, even that case goes on to explain the 6 distinction between how plaintiffs are trying to use it here 7 versus how it was used in Rojas. The fundamental difference is 8 between a first-party use case or a third-party misuse case, 9 10 and Rojas -- the entirety of Rojas explains why it was appropriate there, because HSBC in that case was recording 11 themselves, every single employee's or many employees' 12 confidential like phone conversations. 13 So that's why that expanse of definition was given. 14 15 Basically, the second clause that Your Honor has added -- or Your Honor's -- beginning with "or with the knowledge to a 16 substantial certainty" that the plaintiffs asked for and 17 Your Honor added. 18 It is very different in Rojas where it was the first party, 19 20 you know, recording their employees' conversations, and that's 21 why that standard was given. 22 This is a criminal statute. The intent standard, the

Ninth Circuit has said -- as I said in other cases -- really

has to track what it would be, even though this is a civil --

obviously a civil cause of action under that standard.

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This is a state cause of action. 1 THE COURT: 2 MR. CLUBOK: I'm sorry. I agree. But it's a state cause of action that the Ninth Circuit has 3 said is modeled after the Federal Wiretap Act. 4 5 THE COURT: Yes. We don't need to do that because I have a state statute construed by a state court of appeal. 6 I'm going to use that. 7 MR. CLUBOK: Understood. And I just for the -- may 8 I ask if we could file a short brief? 9 10 THE COURT: No, no briefs. Past the stage of briefs. You can raise it in your JMOL if you need to. Okay? That's 11 what the JMOL is for. Just do all that later. 12 I've never seen people so eager to spend client money on 13 briefs. 14 15 That's it? Good. 17? Okay. MR. CLUBOK: With that exception noted --16 THE COURT: I have noted --17 (Simultaneous speakers.) 18 MR. CLUBOK: No other objections to the instructions. 19 20 THE COURT: No other objections to the jury 21 instructions? 22 MR. CLUBOK: No, not from --23 THE COURT: Okay. Let's look at the verdict form. 24 MR. CANTY: Your Honor, we have no objection to the 25 verdict form with one exception.

On Question 2, we would suggest that the --1 THE COURT: Can I just jump in? So here's what I did. 2 I just want to be clear on the verdict form. It turned out 3 that CACI had model instructions on the CIPA, the statute we 4 5 were just discussing, that broke down the elements like this. So that's why I've adopted that presentation of the California 6 Invasion of Privacy Act in Questions 3, 4, and 5. 7 And Questions 1 and 2, with respect to the statute of 8 limitations, are also drawn directly from a CACI-proposed 9 10 instruction as well as the instructions on limitations that you just referred to. 11 Now, you were saying -- what do you want me to look at? 12 Yes. For Question 2 --13 MR. CANTY: Question 2, yes. 14 THE COURT: -- what we would suggest is that the 15 MR. CANTY: language track the jury instruction that you're giving. So, 16 for example, the question would read: Did Chen, Gamino, or 17 Wellman discover or know of facts that would have caused a 18 reasonable person to suspect that they had suffered harm that 19 20 was caused by Meta's wrongful conduct prior to June 7, 2020? 21 THE COURT: What instruction was that? 22 MR. CANTY: This would be for Question 2. 23 THE COURT: No, I know. What --24 MR. CANTY: This is the statute of limitations, the 25 second question under the statute of limitations.

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No, I know that, but what is the jury
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              THE COURT:
     instruction?
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                          19, Your Honor.
              MR. CANTY:
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              THE COURT:
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         All right. So instruction 19 states: If plaintiffs Chen,
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     Gamino, and Wellman prove that before the date -- before that
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     date that they did not discover and did not know of facts that
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     would have caused --
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             So what do you want to do? You want to put that in
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         Oh.
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     Question 2?
                                 The question would track that
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              MR. CANTY: Yeah.
     language, so it would read: Did Chen, Gamino, and Wellman
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     discover or know of facts that would have caused a reasonable
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     person to suspect that they had suffered harm that was caused
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    by Meta's wrongful conduct?
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              THE COURT: All right.
                         Prior to June 7, 2020.
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              MR. CANTY:
              OTHER ATTY: Okay. Defendant?
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              MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, if there's a change to be
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     made, then this -- and this goes to an issue I wanted to raise
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     generally -- it has to -- they're turning it into an individual
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     issue as opposed to a classwide inquiry. And the question, the
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     specific question whether Ms. Chen, Ms. Gamino, and Ms. Wellman
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     had facts to -- that would have caused a reasonable person to
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     suspect they had suffered harm -- that is the heart of why this
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is an individual issue.
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              THE COURT: Wait. What are you talking about? I just
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     want to know -- he just wants to know if he wants to change
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     this language. You already said we're done on the jury
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     instructions. We're just looking at the verdict form now.
              MR. CLUBOK: We don't agree the verdict form can be
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     changed without having individual line items for each of the
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     three plaintiffs and making it clear that is an individual
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     question for each of the three plaintiffs.
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         It also says -- so that -- that's -- yeah, that's the
     issue.
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              THE COURT: None of the plaintiffs were asked
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     individual questions about when they saw the Wall Street
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     Journal article.
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              MR. CLUBOK: I believe they each were, Your Honor.
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     That's what Mr. Canty just said.
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              THE COURT: He said that the Wall Street Journal
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     article didn't come up.
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              MR. CANTY:
                         Correct.
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              THE COURT: Exactly the opposite.
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              MR. CLUBOK: I'm sorry, Your Honor. Each of the
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     plaintiffs had testified in their depositions that they'd never
     seen it.
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              THE COURT: Deposition doesn't matter. You're in
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     court now. What matters is what happened and was admitted at
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trial, not at deposition. That doesn't matter, what happened
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     in deposition. That's not evidence that this jury has seen.
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              MR. CLUBOK: Understood.
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              THE COURT: You can only go -- only go by what they
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     asked and answered -- what they were asked and what they
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     answered here in court.
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              MR. CLUBOK: Right, but the inquiry, if it's going to
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     be applied to individuals, is fine. The jury instruction -- or
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     the verdict form, I should say, is -- is -- is okay if it --
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     the current -- without identifying individuals, the verdict
     form is basically saying the whole class is determined whether
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     these three --
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                          It identifies three individuals. It says
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              THE COURT:
     Chen, Gamino, and Wellman. So if the jury decides that Chen
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     saw it and Gamino and Wellman didn't, they would answer no.
     It's a conjunctive statement.
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              MR. CLUBOK: So they have to decide that all three saw
     it in order to --
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                          That's what "and" means.
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              THE COURT:
              MR. CLUBOK: Right, and --
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              THE COURT: What's wrong with that?
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              MR. CLUBOK: Because the statute of limitations is an
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     individual issue, and if one of them did see it --
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              THE COURT:
                          They're going to decide it. They're
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     doing to say did Chen, Gamino, and Wellman, all three, see it.
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MR. CLUBOK: Oh, I see. But the fact that those three 1 didn't see it -- that -- again, we -- this is part of our class 2 decertification motion that we'd like to make. 3 THE COURT: Let's just stop for a moment. We're not 4 5 doing that now. We're just doing the verdict form. Okay? Just wait and see what happens. You can do whatever you want 6 in the JMOL motion, not now. 7 And also, when you say we have no other concerns about the 8 jury instructions, you can't pop up later and say: Oh, well, 9 10 actually, you can't do it this way. You can't do that. 11 Now, the way you formulated it is an alternative way than 12 the CACI formulates it, so it would say before what date? 13 "Before June 7, 2020, did Chen, Gamino, and Wellman discover or 14 15 know of facts that would have caused a reasonable person to suspect that they had suffered harm that was caused by 16 17 someone's wrongful conduct?" Is that what you want to say? 18 MR. CANTY: Meta's wrongful conduct. 19 20 THE COURT: That's what you want to say? 21 MR. CANTY: Yeah. 22 THE COURT: That isn't CACI. That is an alternative 23 formulation. I'm happy to -- I don't care. It doesn't make 24 any difference. I think they're both the same. I just like

the other one. It's a little shorter.

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1 MR. CLUBOK: But, Judge -- Your Honor, I'm sorry.

Your Honor, now you'll be asking the jury that they have to include that all three of these people knew of facts or should have been -- should have known of facts or did know of facts, and that's a standard that can't possibly be the case for the whole class. Obviously, the whole class didn't read the Wall Street Journal, but for anyone in the class who read the Wall Street Journal or could have -- or other reasons to be on notice, and we go beyond the Wall Street Journal in this argument -- it's inherently an individual issue, not by --

THE COURT: Let me jump in. I'm not sure -- I seem to have problems getting through to you and your trial team about what I say.

So here's the issue: We're not taking up class cert. Now, I'm going to footnote that just because I don't think you're remembering my order clearly.

I said in class cert you had no evidence about the penetration of the Wall Street Journal article among the members of the class. You didn't present any evidence that one person read it or a million people read it. You didn't do that at trial either. You presented zero evidence at trial that one, five, 50, or 500 million people saw the Wall Street Journal article.

You're not going to be very well situated to come and tell me, oh, we don't know and so you can't certify a class, because

you did not put on any evidence that suggested there was any 1 uncertainty about that. You could have had someone come in and 2 say something and you didn't, so --3 You can save that for another day, but I don't think you're 4 recalling my order clearly. 5 But the only question now -- CACI offers two versions of 6 the knowledge or discovery point. The one I have here is 7 Version 2 and then the one your colleague here would like is 8 Version 1. 9 10 Do you have a preference between Version 1 and Version 2? Version 1, as your colleague suggests, takes the exact 11 language out of the jury instruction. Version 2 is just, in my 12 view, more elegant and simple. But I'm agnostic on the --13 Which one do you prefer? Just pick one. 14 15 MR. CLUBOK: I'd prefer 1 if the three individuals are named on the verdict form. 16 And I do remember your order on class cert. 17 THE COURT: Just pick Version 1 or Version 2. 18 one do you want from CACI? 19 20 MR. CLUBOK: Is Version 2 the one you have --21 THE COURT: Version 2 is the one here on the verdict 22 form and Docket Number 742. Version 1 is the one that takes the language directly out of Instruction 19. 23 24 MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, I guess, then, we would say 25 Version 1, but only with individual line items.

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understand that's not on option you're giving me.
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              THE COURT: Only with what?
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              MR. CLUBOK: We would go with Version 1, which I think
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     is what Mr. Canty is saying, but only with individual lines for
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     each plaintiff. That would be what we are requesting.
     understand you've rejected that, but I just want to be clear.
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     That's --
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              THE COURT: I don't actually care. It doesn't make
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     any difference to me. Do you want --
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              MR. CANTY: They should be together, consistent with
             And I believe defendants have agreed that we should
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     CACI 1.
    use that.
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                          I don't really think it makes any
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              THE COURT:
     difference. It literally makes no difference if it resolves --
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              MR. CANTY: Your Honor, I understand. It's not
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     tactical. I just think it tracks the language more closely to
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     the instruction --
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              THE COURT: I will use the before -- I'll use that
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     formulation that follows the language in Instruction 19.
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     going to do that.
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         But you're -- the defense lawyer is suggesting that you
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     just have a little box for each of those people.
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         It doesn't matter. I mean, it makes no difference.
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     long as one person falls within the class is good. You just
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     need one person who's within the limitations period.
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I agree. I just think it overly
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              MR. CANTY:
     complicates it for the jury.
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              THE COURT: I don't know if complicates it any more
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     than saying all three together in one sentence.
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              MR. CANTY:
                          We'll certainly defer to the Court.
              THE COURT: All right. I'll put all three.
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    no difference.
                     I'll put a box for all three.
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         Okay. Anything else on the verdict form?
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         Take the path of the least resistance. That's always
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    better.
              MR. CANTY: Your Honor, we had a discussion, and
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     certainly I think we're -- this is one time I'm in agreement
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     with defense counsel. We're pleading slight ignorance.
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         My understanding was that the substantive charge goes
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     before any affirmative defenses in a verdict sheet. I'm not
     100 percent sure of that.
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              THE COURT:
                         In what?
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              MR. CANTY: That the substantive charge would go
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    before any affirmative defense on a verdict sheet.
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              THE COURT: Well, no, because if they find that
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     they're barred, you wouldn't take up the -- that's my --
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              MR. CANTY:
                          Okay.
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              THE COURT:
                          If they answer no, if they're outside the
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     period, there's no reason for them to answer the CIPA.
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              MR. CANTY:
                          Understood.
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Do you see what I'm saying?
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              THE COURT:
                          Yes, Your Honor.
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              MR. CANTY:
                          I think analytically, that's the way it
              THE COURT:
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     works.
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              MR. CANTY:
                          Yeah.
              THE COURT: Let's say you win. I don't know.
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     knows?
            Let's say you win. What are we going to do about
     damages? I'm just curious. I'm not going to tie your hands.
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     We're just talking among friends.
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              MR. CANTY: I think what we would do is we would have
     the claims-made process where individuals could file for
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     damages --
              THE COURT:
                          That's it?
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              MR. CANTY: -- under the statute.
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         Well, we also have a -- we have a -- presumably we'll have
     a class -- although we wouldn't have a California class.
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     would do a traditional claims-made process post-verdict.
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              THE COURT: So just whoever files, files, and that's
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     the ultimate judgment amount?
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              MR. CANTY: The defendants would have to set up a fund
     to fund the statutory amount that each eligible class member is
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22
     entitled to.
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              THE COURT:
                          If it's a thousand dollars; right?
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              MR. CLUBOK: I believe it's $5,000.
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              MR. CANTY:
                          $5,000. Excuse me. $5,000 for
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California.
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              THE COURT: Oh, is that the 5,000 one?
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              MR. CLUBOK: I believe so.
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              THE COURT: So it's 5,000. All right. And then
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     whoever comes, comes, and that's it?
              MR. CANTY: That's my understanding.
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                         And how are you calculating -- it's just
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              THE COURT:
     one 5,000 payment per plaintiff; right?
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              MR. CANTY: Correct.
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              THE COURT: And you agree with that?
              MR. CANTY: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: So we just wait and see? Is that the
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     idea?
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                         That is my understanding on how the
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              MR. CANTY:
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     claims-made process works; yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT:
                         Okay.
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              MR. CANTY:
                          I have to confess, Your Honor, I've never
     had a verdict where there's been a claims-made process made.
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     These cases often settle, so I'm -- I'm -- it's my
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     understanding, but I can do further research if the Court wants
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     additional information.
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              THE COURT: So -- so we just have to wait and see.
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              MR. CANTY:
                         Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT:
                         Okay.
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              MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, may I be heard?
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              THE COURT:
                          Yes.
                                Please.
              MR. CLUBOK: We think that the damages, if any, would
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     be decided pursuant to the Campbell test, Campbell v. Facebook,
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     315 FRD 250, Northern District of California 2016.
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         There's a multifactor test even when there is a statutory
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     damage award like this that on its face just says a number like
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     5,000. We may have a Seventh Amendment -- Sixth Amendment --
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     one of the amendments. Seventh Amendment -- sorry, Your
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     Honor -- right to a jury on those issues or at least a judicial
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     determination, and it would be an individual determination.
         That's our position. Also --
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              THE COURT: That's not the -- that's some brother
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     judge talking. That's not California state law.
         We'll deal with it when we have to deal with it.
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     didn't -- I mean, normally a verdict has a punchline, but
     there's not going to be a punchline --
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              MR. CANTY:
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                          Correct.
                         -- for dollars.
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              THE COURT:
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              MR. CANTY:
                         Correct.
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              MR. CLUBOK: And if I may, Your Honor, are we entitled
     to tell the jury the consequence of the decision?
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              THE COURT:
                          Of course not. Absolutely not, yeah.
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              MR. CLUBOK: If I could just -- on the verdict form --
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              THE COURT: That would be equivalent of telling a
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     verdict a jury in an antitrust case, "And, by the way, every
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dollar you award is going to get tripled." You don't do that. 1 Thank you. 2 MR. CLUBOK: On the verdict form, with the individual questions for each 3 of the three, we also think that it's required for Questions 4 4 5 and 5, Your Honor. THE COURT: No, that is not required for Questions 4 6 I'm only doing it as a slight accommodation on 7 and 5. limitation because it's already sort of phrased that way as all 8 three. 9 10 MR. CLUBOK: We appreciate it. And I'm not going to do on 4 and 5. 11 THE COURT: MR. CLUBOK: Well, Your Honor, this, again, goes to 12 my -- what I would like to make at least an oral motion to 13 decertify --14 It takes one person, just one named 15 THE COURT: plaintiff, to have a claim for the class. That's it. It just 16 takes one. 17 MR. CLUBOK: But there's very different -- the 18 evidence showed in this case -- the evidence did show very 19 20 different arguments about reasonable expectation of privacy, 21 different issues with consent. 22 THE COURT: It doesn't matter what their reasonable 23 expectations were subjectively. It's an objective standard. 24 We've talked about this before. I know you on the defense 25 side like to keep saying, "Oh, it depends what every woman

thinks." It doesn't. Every consumer case, and I've cited case 1 law expressly on this point, it is an objective standard of 2 reasonable expectation of privacy. It does not matter. All 3 three of them could have -- all four of them could have come in 4 here and said -- which they didn't, I want to be clear -- but 5 they could have said, "I personally didn't know one way or the 6 other" or "I didn't have any expectation." It doesn't matter. 7 Now, it may not have been great for the jury to hear that, 8 but as a matter of law, it is an objective standard --9 10 MR. CLUBOK: Right --THE COURT: -- and I think it is reasonably objective 11 that the jury could decide one way or the other whether 12 somebody would -- a reasonably objective person would feel 13 invaded by this. That's what they're going to decide. 14 MR. CLUBOK: Except, Your Honor, for some women, 15 literally the only information that was conveyed was that they 16 were using a period tracker app. That is a very different 17 test. Even Your Honor asked people openly in court, "Do you 18 have a period tracker app on your phone?" And Your Honor said, 19 20 if you have any concerns about that, you can come talk 21 privately. 22 Everyone opened up and said, "We have a period tracker app 23 on our phone. No problem." That's one issue. There was one -- one of the three plaintiffs --24 25 THE COURT: Everyone did not open their phone up and

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say, "I have a period tracker; it's no problem." Nobody said
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     that. Not a single person said that.
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             MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor --
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              THE COURT: Okay. It's an option. You can save it
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     for closing argument or JMOL motion.
         I'll see you in the morning.
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             MR. CLUBOK: Your Honor, may I make an oral motion on
 7
     the decertification very quickly?
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              THE COURT: No, no, no. You can do that post-trial.
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     JMOL is not a decertification option. You can ask after --
         See what the verdict is. Maybe you don't have to do it.
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     Okay? Why waste the time? Just do it on an as-needed basis.
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             MR. CLUBOK: I think that the -- I think we're
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     required to before we agree to let this go to the jury, but --
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              THE COURT: Certification? No, you ask to decertify
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     after a verdict.
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         Listen, I'm not going to say no if you want to do it.
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     Okay? So don't worry about it.
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         You all set on demonstratives? I really, really do not
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     like any interruptions during closing. It's your last chance
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     to talk. Okay? So make sure you've got everything worked out,
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    please, unless -- I really -- just, you know, this is a
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    professional courtesy. It is our tradition. Let each other
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     speak. You can say "he's lying" or "he's doing this," whatever
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     you want to say, but don't pop up during the thing. Okay?
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Yes, Your Honor. Got it.
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              MR. CANTY:
                         Got it all worked out?
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              THE COURT:
                         May I ask a question?
              MR. CANTY:
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              THE COURT:
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                         Yes.
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              MR. CANTY: With respect to the order, it's my
     understanding that the plaintiffs will go first, and we're --
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     we have the opportunity to reserve rebuttal time?
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              THE COURT: Yes. You get the last word. You're the
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    plaintiff. You've got the burden of proof.
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              MR. CANTY:
                         Thank you.
                         What do you want to do? 40 and 5?
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              THE COURT:
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              MR. CANTY:
                         35 and 10.
                         35 and 10?
              THE COURT:
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         It's not up to me. Do you want to decide in the morning?
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              MR. CANTY:
                         Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.
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              THE COURT:
                          Okay.
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         There's a late-breaking note coming in.
              MR. CANTY: Yes.
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        Ms. Clark has a request.
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              THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: You're going to need to upload
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     all of the exhibits on a thumb drive to load onto the jury PC
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     tomorrow morning before we start court.
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              MR. CLUBOK: How many copies of that do you need?
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              THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Just one for the jury PC.
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              MR. CANTY: We'll coordinate with defense.
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1	MR. CLUBOK: We'll work together on that.
2	THE COURT: Yes.
3	MR. CANTY: One issue with respect to the initial
4	issue brought up about the statute of limitations.
5	In the event the jury finds that the statute of limitations
6	was in effect, we'd like to reserve the right to move to make a
7	motion pursuant to Rule 50(a). Obviously we don't want to make
8	that motion now. We would make it after.
9	THE COURT: Post-trial.
10	MR. CANTY: Thank you, Your Honor.
11	THE COURT: Yeah.
12	MR. CANTY: We just want to reserve that. Thank you.
13	THE COURT: Do all the cleanup you want, or you
14	can ask for all the cleanup you want post-trial.
15	Okay. See you in the morning.
16	MR. CANTY: Thank you, Your Honor. See you tomorrow.
17	THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise. Court's in recess.
18	(Proceedings adjourned at 2:09 p.m.)
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